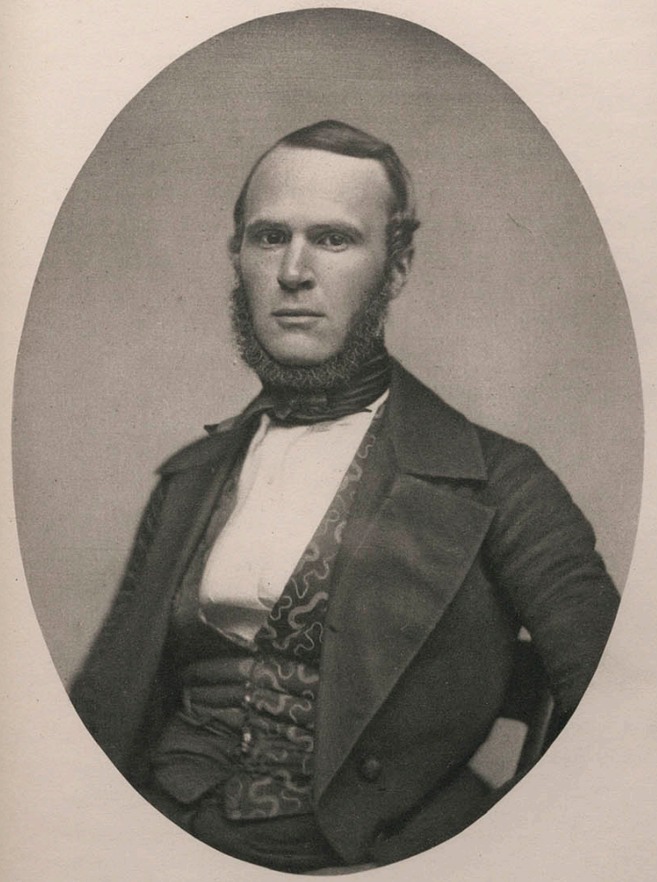
Congress seems inclined to vote to the discoverer of etherization, if he can be found. Morton has succeeded in having witnesses summoned, and testimony taken, under oath. . . . I had to give mine at Washington. It consisted principally in my having no knowledge of the fact alleged to have taken place in the spring of 1842 in Jackson's laboratory, when I was living in his family. . . . I felt very unwilling to testify; but, after all, it hardly seems right in me to withhold such important testimony merely because I am afraid that my having given it will be ascribed to motives of revenge. What do you think about it?

Materials are gathering in for the large work on the metallic resources of the United States, which I have proposed to Lippincott, Grambo & Co. of Philadelphia to publish. The collecting of the materials will necessarily be a slow job. In the meantime I have numerous offers from parties in New York, to make explorations and examinations, for which I can be well paid, and which will distinctly serve my purpose for the big book. I have every reason to be satisfied with my scientific position, only I fear that I am placed higher than I deserve to be. I cannot begin to do all the work which is offered to me, or rather which I could have, if I should decide to take up my quarters here,

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